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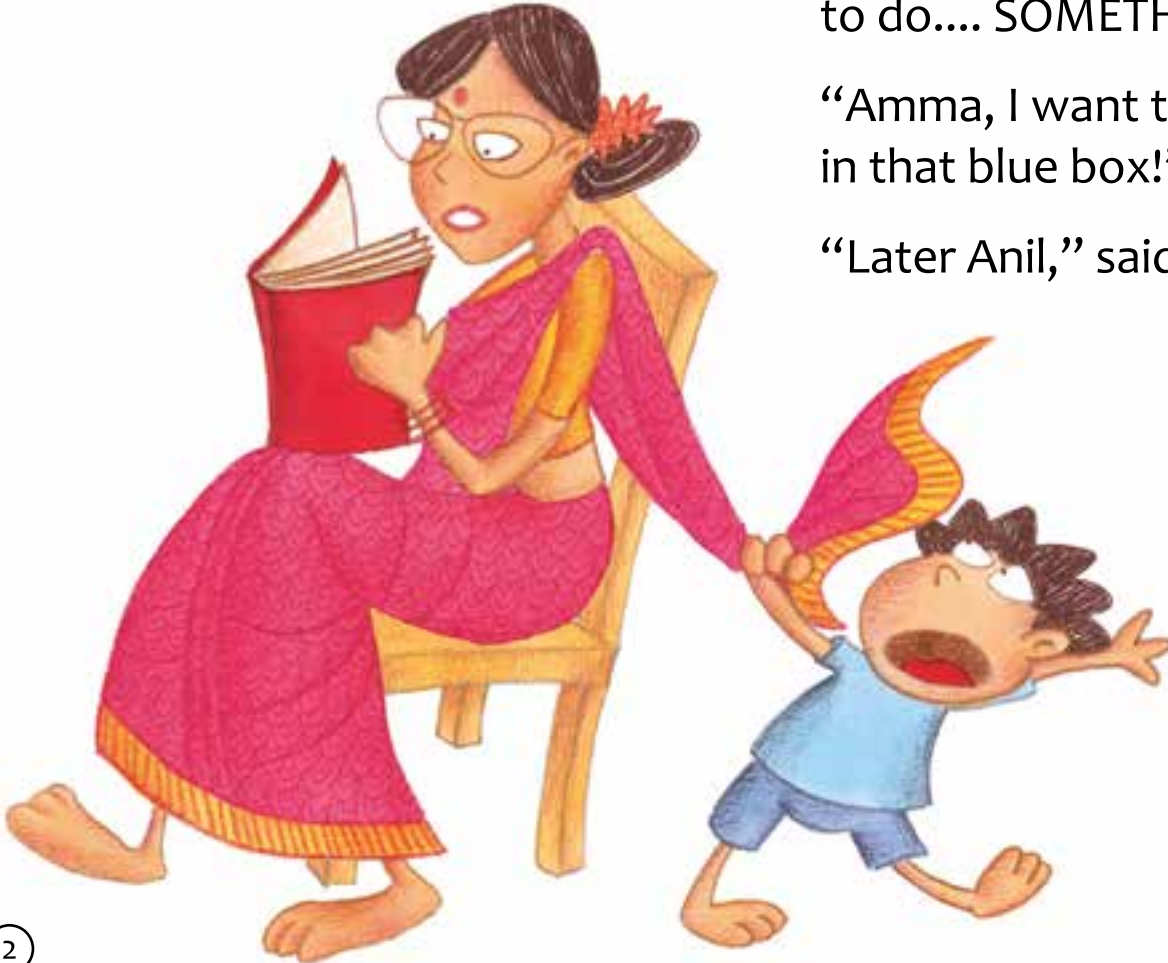
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It was a holiday for Amma.
She was reading a book. Anil
had a holiday too. He wanted
to do.... SOMETHING!

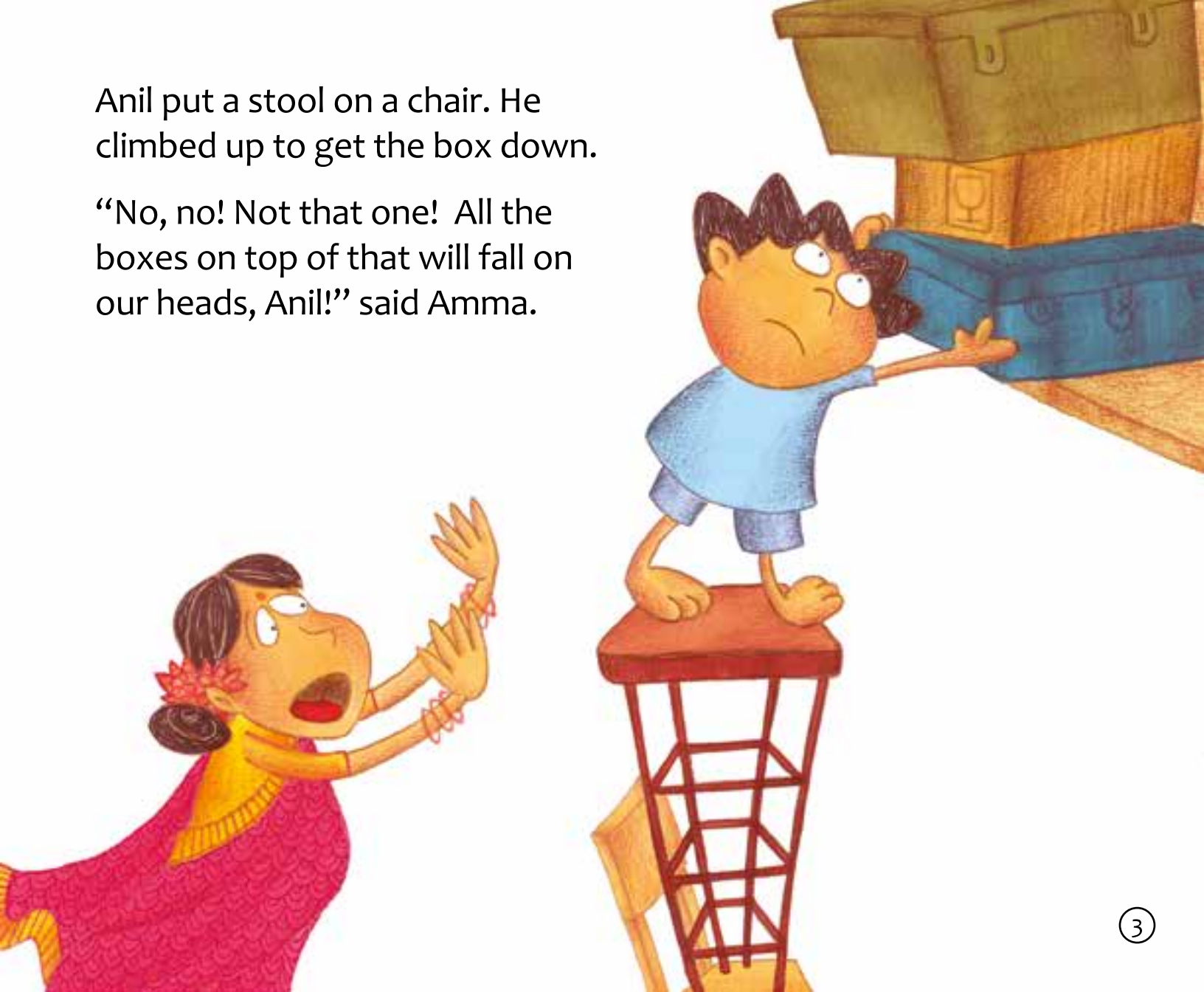
“Amma, I want to see what is
in that blue box!” said Anil.

“Later Anil,” said Amma.



Anil put a stool on a chair. He climbed up to get the box down.

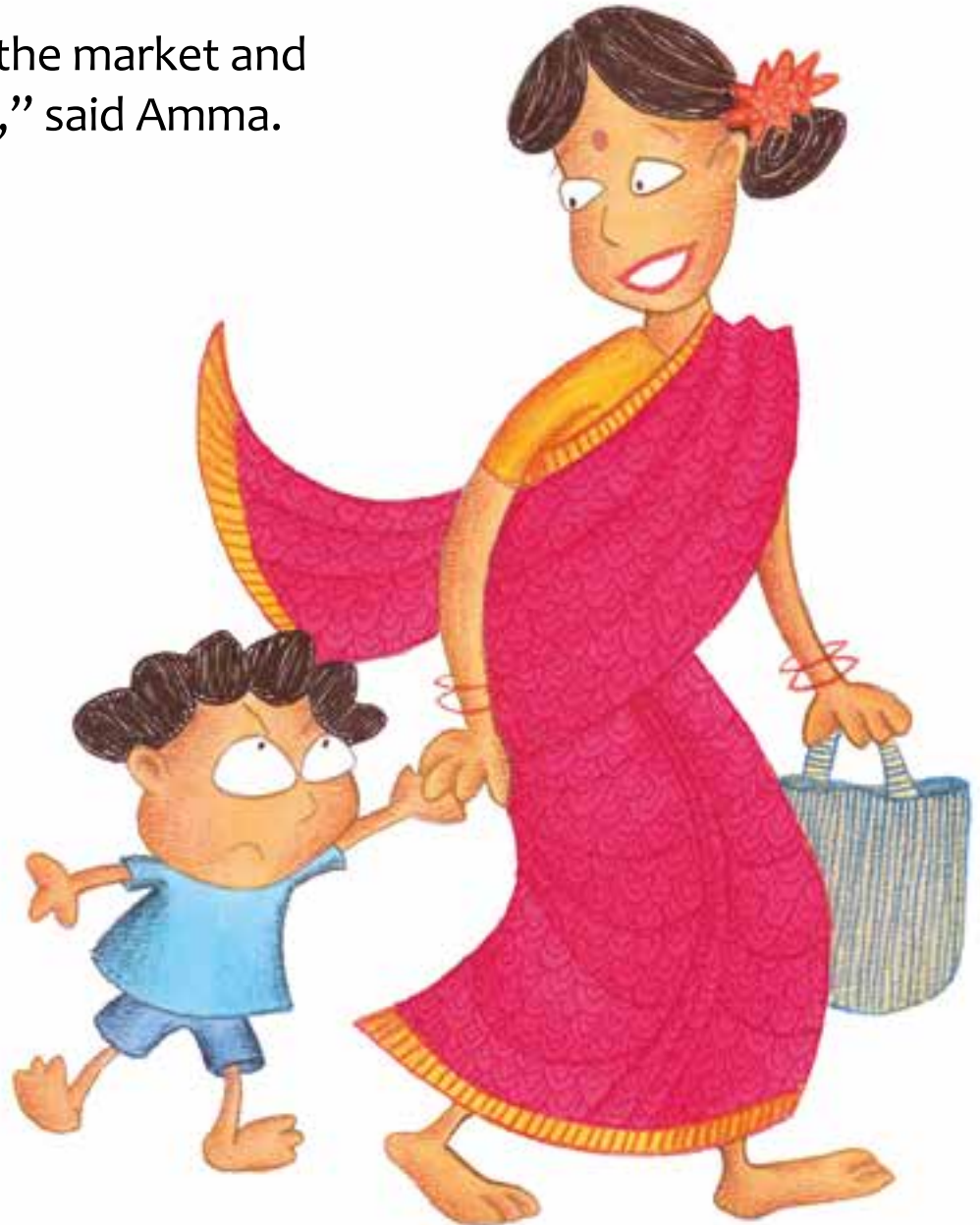
“No, no! Not that one! All the boxes on top of that will fall on our heads, Anil!” said Amma.



Anil was very angry. He was angry with his mother.



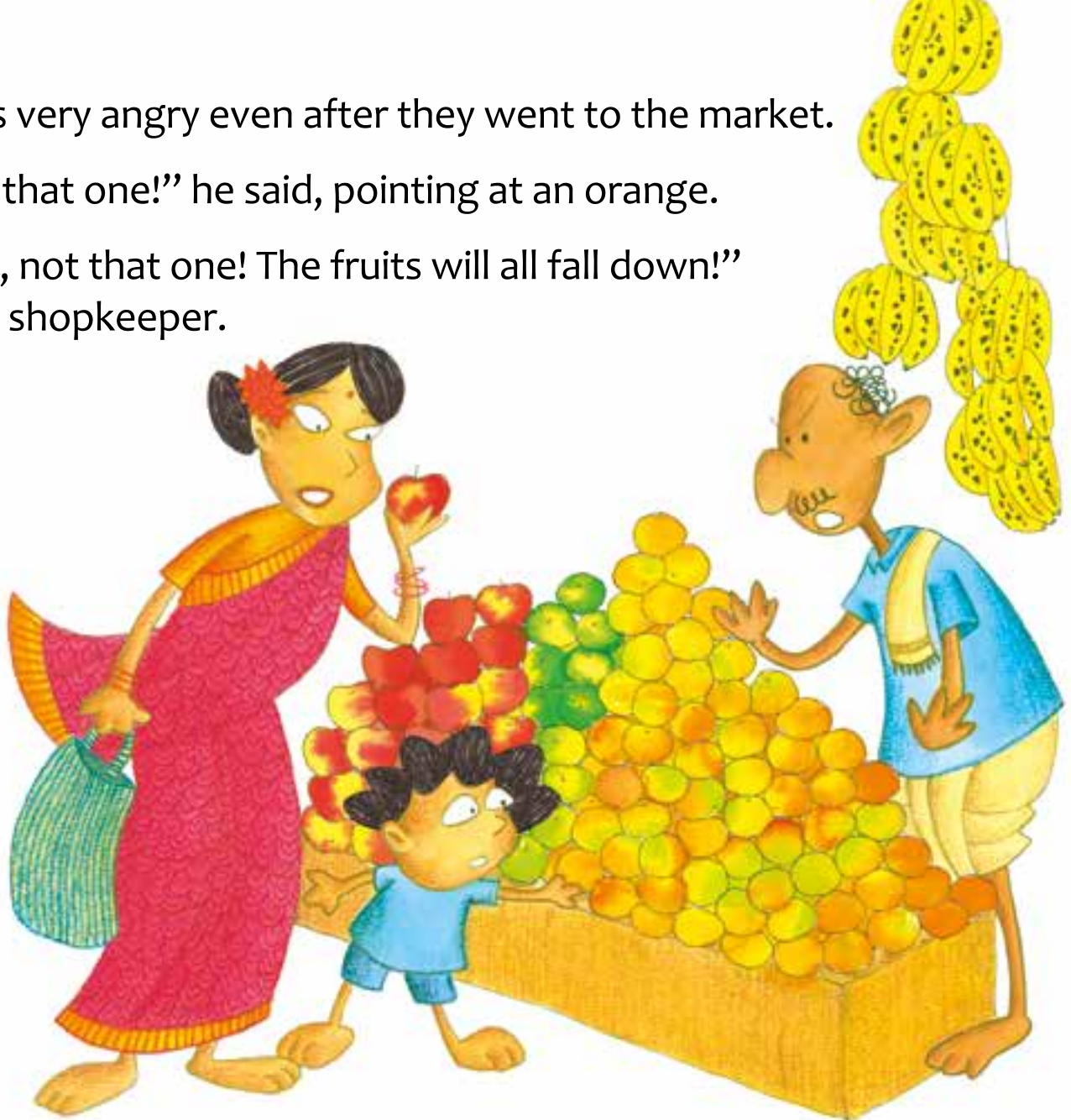
“Come, let’s go to the market and get you something,” said Amma.

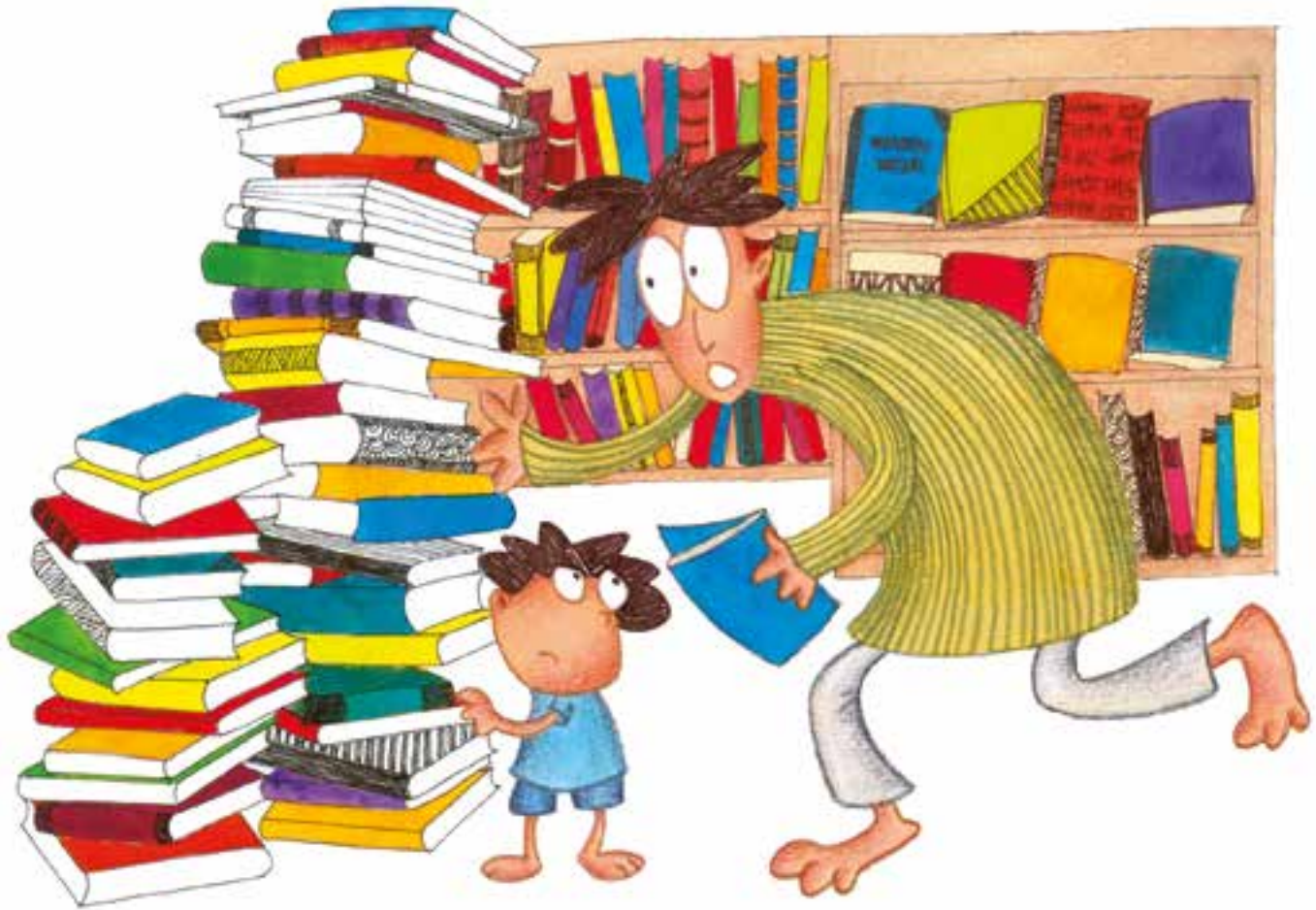


Anil was very angry even after they went to the market.

“I want that one!” he said, pointing at an orange.

“No, no, not that one! The fruits will all fall down!”
said the shopkeeper.



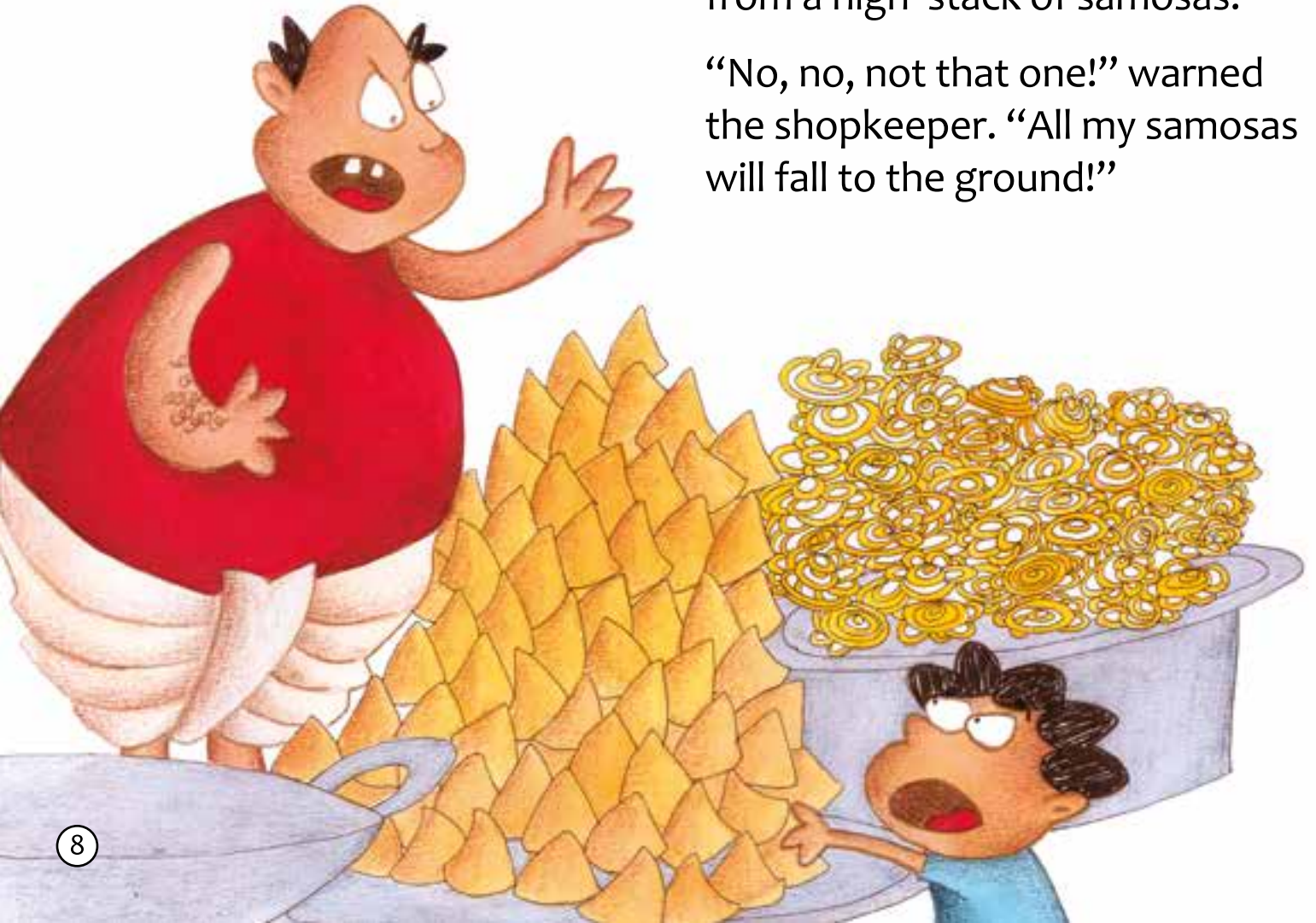


“I want that book!” said Anil.

“No, no, not that one!” said the shopkeeper. “Take this one.”

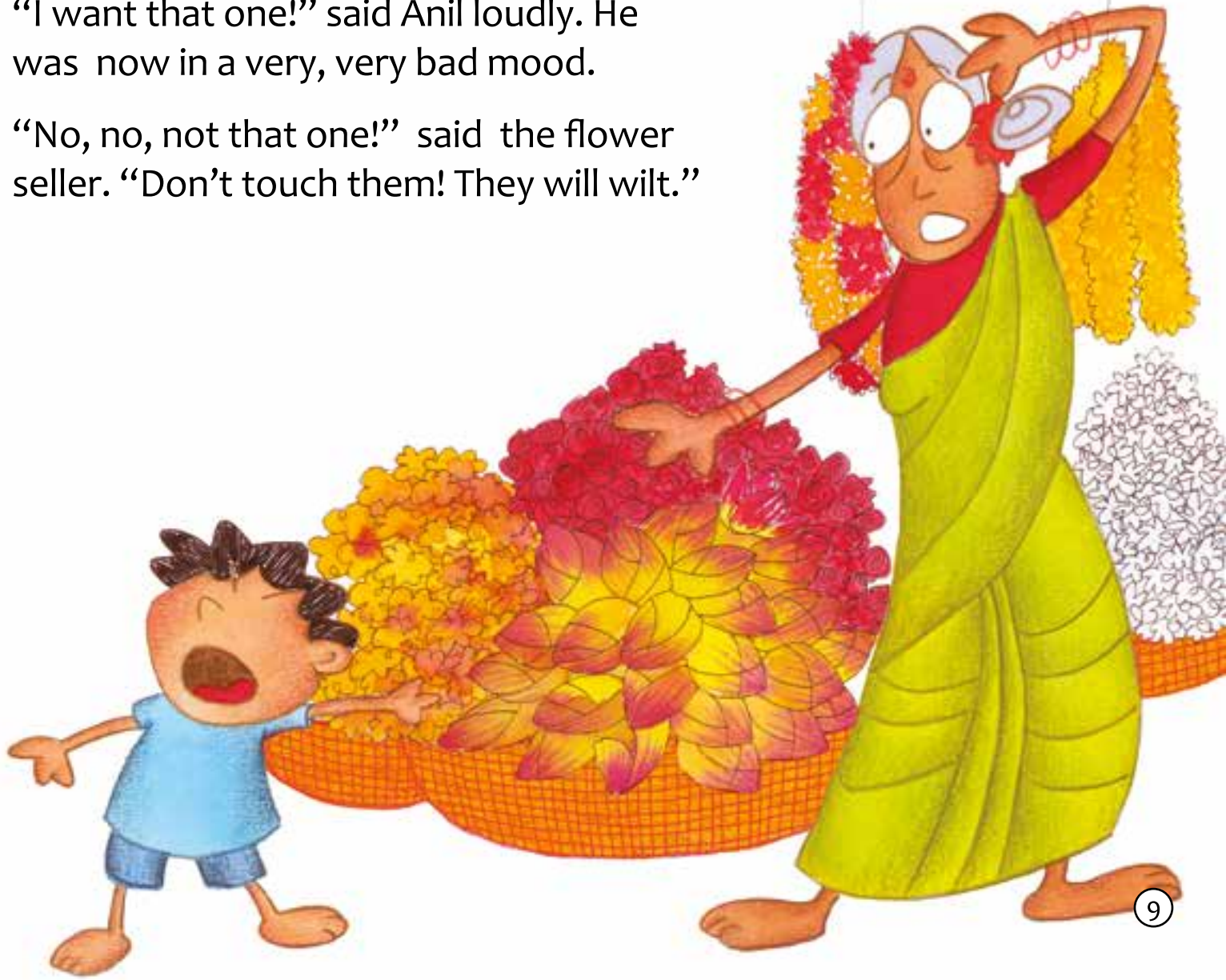
“I want that one!” shouted Anil, almost pulling out a samosa from a high stack of samosas.

“No, no, not that one!” warned the shopkeeper. “All my samosas will fall to the ground!”



“I want that one!” said Anil loudly. He was now in a very, very bad mood.

“No, no, not that one!” said the flower seller. “Don’t touch them! They will wilt.”



By now, Anil was crying loudly. Everyone was looking at Anil.



“I want that one! The black one!” said Amma loudly.

Anil stopped crying suddenly.

“Amma, no, no! Not that one!” said Anil.



“Let’s take this brown one!” said Anil.

Then Anil gently lifted the brown puppy on top of a pile of puppies. “Amma, I am very angry with you! All the puppies would have fallen down!”

Amma smiled. Anil was smiling too. He was not angry at all now.





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“Not that one,” says Anil’s mother when he asks for something. “Not that one!” say all the shopkeepers in the market too. That makes the little boy very angry indeed!

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